

#### § 953.44

(2) The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee and the committee shall promptly give notice to growers and handlers, of any order issued by the Secretary modifying, suspending, or terminating any orders relating to minimum standards of quality established pursuant to, or provided for, in this subpart.

#### § 953.44 Limitation of regulations.

(a) Nothing contained in this subpart shall authorize any limitation of the shipment of potatoes for any of the following purposes:

(1) Potatoes shipped for consumption by charitable institutions or for distribution by relief agencies;

(2) Potatoes shipped for manufacturing or conversion into byproducts, except for manufacturing or conversion into specified products recommended by the committee for regulation and approved by the Secretary therefor; and

(3) Upon recommendation of the committee and approval of the Secretary, potatoes shipped for livestock feed, export, or for other specified purposes.

(b) The Secretary shall give prompt notice to the committee of any approval issued by him under the provisions of this section. The committee may prescribe adequate safeguards to prevent potatoes shipped for the purposes stated above from entering the current of interstate commerce or directly burdening, obstructing, or affecting such commerce contrary to the provisions of this subpart, which safeguards may include (1) a requirement by the committee that growers and handlers who ship potatoes pursuant to this section shall file applications to do so with the committee and (2) Federal-State inspection provided by § 953.50 and the payment of a pro rata share of expenses provided by § 953.34: *Provided*, That such inspection and payment of expenses may be required at different times than otherwise specified by the aforesaid sections. The committee may issue certificates of privilege for shipments of potatoes affected or to be affected under the provisions of this section and shall make a weekly report to the Secretary showing the number of certificates applied for, the number of bushels of potatoes

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covered by such applications, the number of certificates denied and granted, the number of bushels of potatoes shipped under duly issued certificates, and such other information as may be requested by the Secretary. The Secretary shall have the right to modify, change, alter, or rescind any safeguards prescribed and any certificates issued by the committee pursuant to the provisions of this section.

#### § 953.45 Minimum quantities.

The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may establish, for any or all portions of the production area, quantities below which shipments shall be free from regulations issued pursuant to: § 953.42, Regulations, § 953.50, Inspection and certification, and § 953.34, Assessments.

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#### INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

#### § 953.50 Inspection and certification.

The Southeastern Potato Committee shall require, with approval of the Secretary, that whenever regulations are in effect pursuant to this subpart, each first handler shall, prior to making each shipment of potatoes cause each shipment to be inspected by an authorized representative of the Federal-State Inspection Service. Each handler shall make arrangements with the inspecting agency to forward promptly to the committee a copy of each inspection certificate, issued as aforesaid.

#### EFFECTIVE TIME AND TERMINATION

#### § 953.65 Effective time.

The provisions of this subpart shall become effective at such time as the Secretary may declare above his signature attached to this subpart, and shall continue in force until terminated in one of the ways specified in § 953.66.

#### § 953.66 Termination.

(a) The Secretary may, at any time, terminate the provisions of this subpart by giving at least one day's notice by means of a press release or in any other manner which he may determine.

(b) The Secretary may terminate or suspend the operations of any or all of the provisions of this subpart whenever